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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Manitowoc Public Utilities for Authority to
Construct And Place in Service a 24.5MW Combustion
Turbine Facility, Located in the City of Manitowoc,
Manitowoc County

3320-CE-108

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS, AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	January 21, 1999
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	January 28, 1999
Hearing Date and Times:	January 28, 1999 – 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Avenue Manitowoc, WI 54220

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application of Manitowoc Public Utilities (MPU) for authority to construct and place in operation a 24.5 MW natural gas-fired combustion turbine electric generating facility at the existing Custer Substation site. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Manitowoc Public Library, at the office of the county clerk of Manitowoc County, and at the office of the municipal clerk of the city of Manitowoc.

Need for New Generation and Natural Gas Facilities

MPU has a forecasted capacity deficit of 6 MW in 1999 and 33 MW in the year 2000. This capacity deficit can be met by this proposed project and new purchase power agreements. MPU identified this project as the most cost-effective and reliable way to meet its electric system requirements.

Project Location

The project site proposed by MPU is at the new Custer Substation, currently under construction on city of Manitowoc property on Custer Street, just north of the city's I-43 Industrial Park. The site would require 3,000 to 4,200 feet of new gas pipeline. No additional transmission facilities are needed.

Preliminary screening identified an alternative site at the Northeast Substation. This site is located in the city of Manitowoc, along North 8th Street, just north of the railroad tracks. The Northeast Substation site would have required about 6,000 feet of new gas pipeline.

Both sites are detailed on the attached map.

Project Schedule

If the Commission approves the application, construction of the power plant and supporting facilities is scheduled to begin in March 1999 and the facilities are expected to be in service by June 1999.

Project Review and Approval

The proposed project needs the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as well as the Commission. Commission staff and DNR staff are reviewing the costs and potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Commission will approve, modify, or deny the application based on the hearing record in this case. The DNR will issue permits at a later date.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held on January 28, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Avenue, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to get this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Persons who desire to participate actively as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Donna Paske, Hearing Examiner,

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Examining Division, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

Full parties shall file an **original and 15 copies** of direct testimony with the Commission and shall provide a copy to other full parties. These copies are due in hand by **noon on January 21, 1999**. Rebuttal testimony is due in hand at the hearing. Fax filings with the Commission are due one day earlier than the above dates to allow time for copies to be made. Fax filing cover sheets must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages (the limit for fax filing is 20 pages). File by one mode only. Copies of the direct testimony may be obtained by calling (608) 267-7968 or by written request to the Electric Division, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854. Refer to docket 3320-CE-108 in your request. Copies will also be available at the hearing. Members of the public who are not full parties do not need to prefile testimony and may give oral testimony at the hearing.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type I action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10 (1). An environmental impact statement (EIS) was prepared as necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to receive a copy of the EIS or comment on the environmental aspects of this case should contact Nancy Korda, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI, 53707, or call (608) 267-3599.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Carol A. Stemrich at (608) 266-8174.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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